



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Dear Michigan voter:

I take great pride in sharing this draft of Michigan's plan for implementing the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002.

Congress passed HAVA in response to the 2000 presidential election. It requires state and local governments to modernize their elections processes and equipment. The act also provides funding to help implement these improvements.

All states must submit plans to qualify for these critical federal dollars under HAVA. Michigan stands to receive about \$45 million in HAVA grants this year and proposes to submit this plan to meet the requirement. It outlines how Michigan will meet technology and election-administration requirements; educate voters and poll workers; adopt performance measures; and meet other specific criteria. This blueprint for reform will shape the future of elections in our state. It enables Michigan to ensure the integrity of our elections, enhance voter education, improve access for voters who are disabled or serving overseas, and provide more contemporary voting systems.

I want to make certain that this document reflects your voice. That is why I went beyond HAVA's basic public-input requirements to give Michigan residents even greater opportunities to be heard. A 30-member state advisory committee appointed to represent Michigan's diverse interests has been accepting public comment since March. The committee's work – along with your participation – have forged a draft plan of which we can all be proud.

Your continued interest is needed to finalize the plan. I encourage you to review this draft and offer any constructive comments that will ensure a document that represents Michigan in its entirety. The document is being posted on the HAVA page of the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/hava through Thursday, July 17. A printed copy is also being sent to each county clerk.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the advisory committee for its dedication to this process. The unselfish work of its members gives us a framework that presents Michigan with an accessible, efficient and uniform voting system. Our state has a proud legacy of being at the national forefront of election integrity and reform. Working through HAVA allows us to uphold that tradition. I look forward to your feedback on this plan so that we can continue improving and revitalizing elections in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Terri Lynn Land
Secretary of State